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SUBJECT: JANUARY 27 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

KR SOLDIERS KILL OVER 200 VILLAGERS WHO TRIED FLEE TO THAILAND, ACCORDING SURVIVOR WHO ESCAPED WITH 11 COMPANIONS (WP; AP, PHINQ). THAI OFFICIALS SAY KHMERS ESCAPING AT RATE OF 7-10 DAILY, WITH OVER 9000 NOW LIVING IN CENTERS THAI BORDER PROVS (AP, PHINQ).

ABOUT 200 NVN, CUBAN SOLDIERS ARRIVE FORMER SPANISH SAHARA TO TRAIN MEMBERS POLISARIO FRONT, GUERRILLA GROUP SEEKING INDEPENDENCE, SUPPORTED BY ALGERIA
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(WSTAR 1/26).

THAI ARMY COPTER GUNSHIPS MONDAY DROVE OFF 100 COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS WHO LAUNCHED ATTACK ON POWER PLANT, DISTRICT OFFICE IN UDON THANI PROV (REUTER BANGKOK).

THREE F-5S DOD HAD TOLD DOS WERE IN THAILAND REALLY HAD CRASHED IN US (AP, WSTAR 1/26).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

PHINQ'S DUBIN REPORTS 114 CAMBODIANS LIVING AT PHILLY YMCA AWAITING REPATRIATION HELD NEWS CONFERENCE MONDAY. THEY WANT GO HOME; CONDEMN UN, USG FOR "PREVENTING" REPATRIATION. UN SPOKESMAN SAYS CAMBODIAN GOVT DRAGGING FEET, HAS GIVEN NO DEFINITE ANSWER. KHMER GROUP INCLUDES REFUGEES, 67 MILITARY WHO WERE STUDYING IN US.

3. JAPAN

GROUP OF TEN JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN LEFT FOR MOSCOW SUNDAY, TO SEEK ORDER FOR 10 POWER REACTORS WORTH 1.33 BILLION DOLS. WOULD BE BUILT IN JAPAN OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS BY CONSORTIUM OF SIX JAPANESE FIRMS (WSTAR 1/26).

NIPPON LIGHT METAL CO, NATION'S TOP ALUMINUM SMELTER, SAID MONDAY WILL DISCHARGE 1,100 EMPLOYEES OVER NEXT TWO YEARS, FREEZE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES IN ECONOMY MOVE (UPI, JOC).

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO SAYS SHIPPERS, FOUR FREIGHT CONFERENCES RESUMED TALKS TUESDAY ON PROPOSED 15 PCT INCREASE IN TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHT RATES. JAPAN SHIPPERS' COUNCIL OPPOSED STRONGLY IN DEC NEGOTIATIONS, BUT CONFERENCES POSTED PUBLIC NOTICE OF NEW RATES AND COMPLETED PRELIMINARY FORMALITIES WITH FMC.

WEAK EARTHQUAKE SHOOK HOKKAIDO TUESDAY. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED (UPI, NYDN).

4. CHINA

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REUTER (BRUSSELS) REPORTS INFORMED SOURCES SAYING TUESDAY THAT PRC EXPECTED OPEN EXPLORATORY TALKS SHORTLY WITH COMMON MARKET COMMISSION FOR TRADE AGREEMENT WITH NINE-NATION EEC. SOURCES SAY PRC DELEGATION EXPECTED BRUSSELS NEXT MONTH OR MARCH.

5. PHILIPPINES

TWO ITALIAN MISSIONARIES ARRESTED, DEPORTED, FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS (WP).

6. PACIFIC ISLANDS

SAIPAN RESIDENTS WAIT, HOPE BECOME PART US. WANT CONGRESS UNITE THEM WITH GUAM AS COMMONWEALTH (UPI, LAT 1/26).

7. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

THOUSANDS BOUGAINVILLE RESIDENTS RIOT IN SUPPORT SECESSION FROM PNG (WP).

8. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

WHITLAM RE-ELECTED AS LABOR PARTY LEADER (REUTER CANBERRA). GOA MINISTER OVERSEAS TRADE AND MINERAL RESOURCES WILL LEAD DELEGATION TO JAPAN IN FEB, PRIOR TO TOKYO TRIP PLANNED BY FRASER WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS (REUTER SYDNEY).

GOA AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DUE PARTLY FEAR MEMBERS GROUP SUBJECT BLACKMAIL, INTIMIDATION. ILLEGALS INCLUDE MANY WHO OVERSTAYED "EASY VISAS" INTRODUCED UNDER LABOR GOVT, VISITORS WHO OVERSTAYED HOLIDAY PERMITS, STUDENTS WHO DID NOT RETURN HOME, HUNDREDS OF SEAMEN WHO JUMPED SHIP (AP, NYT). CSM'S VICKERS AT SYDNEY BELIEVES COUNTRY MAY BE IN FOR ECON REVIVAL. POINTS TO MORE JOBS OPENING UP, NEW TAX ALLOWANCE TO STIMULATE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK BY MINING COMPANIES. NOTES MINERAL, OIL STOCKS MOVING AHEAD, NEW TAX INCENTIVES EXPECTED BE ANNOUNCED SOON TO ENCOURAGE EXPLORATION. SEES GRADUAL RETURN CONSUMER UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFIDENCE.

CSM'S CARTHEW AT WELLINGTON SAYS UNPRECEDENTED PRICE INCREASES ON ESSENTIAL SERVICES, MILK, SET MOOD FOR BELT-TIGHTENING AS GOVT WITHDRAWS SUBSIDIES. QUOTES MULDOON THAT INCREASES REALISTIC, LONG OVERDUE. NOTES MEASURES BROUGHT SURPRISINGLY LITTLE PUBLIC REACTION. ADDS NZ'S DEPRESSED TERMS OF TRADE PICKING UP.

IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, CARTHEW REPORTS MULDOON'S PLEDGE RENEW SPORTING CONTRACTS WITH S AF. AS RESULT, TANZANIAN GOVT WARNS WILL NOT ALLOW CHAMP RUNNER FILBERT BAYI TOUR COUNTRY WITH NZ'S RECORD MILER JOHN WALKER. NOTES ANTI-APARTHEID FACTIONS IN NZ VOW STOP NZ RUGBY TEAM TOURING S AF BY "VIOLENT MEANS IF NECESSARY." QUOTES

OBSERVERS THAT NZ PARTICIPATION SUMMER'S OLYMPICS
THREATENED, SHADOW CAST OVER FUTURE DIP/TRADE RELS
WITH ME, AFRICAN COUNTRIES IF COMPETES WITH S AF IN
SPORTS.

9. SINGAPORE

PHIL'S MARCOS ON VISIT DISCUSSES WITH LEE POSSIBILITY
USN SHIPS USING UK NAVAL INSTALLATIONS; BRIEFS PM ON
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US, MANILA ON BASE TREATY REVISION
A (AP SINGAPORE).

10. HONG KONG

NY BRANCH HK AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORP EXPANDS, TAKES
OPTIMISTIC VIEW PROSPECTS US-PRC TRADE (UPI, BALTO N-A
1/26). MORRIS (CSM) DESCRIBES INTERESTING TRIPS THAT
MAY BE MADE TO HK'S OTHER ISLANDS, NEW TERRITORIES,
MACAO.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

NYDN NOTES TODAY 3RD ANNIVERSARY SIGNING PARIS ACCORDS
ON VN THAT INCLUDED COMMUNISTS' PLEDGE AID DETERMINING
FATE MIAS. SAYS EXCEPT FOR TOKEN GESTURES, HANOI
BRUTALLY IGNORES PROMISE, CAUSES ANGUISH MIA FAMILIES.
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WONDERS FOR THEIR SAKE WHY WE DON'T HOLD UP VN ADMISSION
TO UN UNTIL COMMUNISTS COME THROUGH.

12. KOREA

LAT (1/25) CARRIES FULL-PAGE UNIFICATION CHURCH AD,
"THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON,' WHICH
PURPORTS ANSWER "ATTACKS BY SOME JEALOUS RELIGIOUS
LEADERS" WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND MOON'S PURPOSE, OR FEEL
THREATENED BY "THIS RAPIDLY GROWING MOVEMENT."

SUN'S SEIDEN IN SEOUL REVIEWS FOREIGN ADOPTION OF
SOME 4,000 KOREAN ORPHANS EACH YEAR, HALF BY US FAMILIES
FROM AMONG 40,000 HOMELESS CHILDREN GOVT CONFIRMS ARE
IN INSTITUTIONS. SAYS ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES FORCE
MANY PARENTS ABANDON INFANTS IN STREETS, IN HOPE WILL
BE PICKED UP, PLACED IN ORPHANAGES BEFORE THEY STARVE
OR FREEZE TO DEATH. PROBLEM HAS BECOME SENSITIVE, HIGHLY
CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE -- NK CHARGES SK "SELLING BABIES";
ROKG TAKES AMBIGUOUS POSITION OF ;NEITHER ENCOURAGING
OR DISCOURAGING" FOREIGN ADOPTION. AND SOME FOREIGN
AGENCIES ARE ACCUSED OF GIVING "SEED MONEY" SCHOLARSHIPS

TO OLDER CHILDREN, ON CONDITION WILL GET NEXT BABY --
BUT THIS DENIED BY AGENCIES, ROKG.

13. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 1/24) REVIEWS POLICY SPEECHES BY MIKI,
MIYAZAWA IN DIET FRIDAY. NOTES PM AFFIRMED RELS WITH
US REMAIN 'CORNERSTONE' OF JAPAN'S FOPOLICY; URGED

RATIFICATION NPT, AND CONTINENTAL SHELF PACT WITH
ROK TO PERMIT JOINT EXPLORATION FOR OIL. ADMITTED
HAS NOT YET RESTORED PUBLIC "TRUST IN POLITICS" AFTER
13 MONTHS IN OFFICE; RENEWED PLEDGE PRESS FOR REFORMS,
PARTICULARLY ANTI-TRUST LAW WHICH HE LABELED "FOCAL
POINT OF DEBATE OVER SOCIAL JUSTICE." NOTES FM DECLARED
COULD BE NO SOLUTION OF ME PROBLEM WITHOUT RECOGNIZING
RIGHTS PALESTINIANS; URGED ISRAEL OPEN DIRECT TALKS
WITH PLO, WHICH HE CALLED LEGITIMATE REP PALESTINIANS.

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CDN (HK) SUGGESTS NIPPON STEEL'S INAYAMA HAS LED POWERFUL
18-MAN BUSINESS TEAM TO PEKING TO PERSUADE CHINESE SELL
JAPAN LESS, NOT MORE, OIL. NOTES JAPAN CUT IMPORTS
FROM ME, INDONESIA, WHEN RECESSION LOWERED DEMAND FOR
OIL, BUT MUST TREAT CHINESE WITH EXTREME CARE
BECAUSE PRC OFFERS PROMISE OF RESCUING NATION FROM NEAR-
TOTAL DEPENDENCE ME OIL. ADDS JAPANESE FEAR US
MAY STEP IN, INCREASE TRADE WITH PRC IF JAPAN DOES NOT
ABSORB PEKING'S SURPLUS OIL (BALT N-A 1/26).

RODERICK MANN (LAT 1/25) TELLS HOW PRODUCER MARTIN
POLL PREPARED TWO YEARS, IS NOW FILMING YUKIO MISHIMA
NOVEL, "THE SAILOR WHO FELL FROM GRACE WITH THE
SEA" IN DARTMOUTH, ENGLAND, WITH KRIS KRISTOFFERSON AND
SARAH MILES.

LA AUTO SHOW (JAN 23-FEB 1) SHOWS MIX OF DOMESTICS,
EXOTICS, ANTIQUES AND IMPORTS; MANY FROM JAPAN,
LIKE NEW PLYMOUTH ARROW HATCHBACK, DATSUNS (14 NEW
MODELS), TOYOTAS, HONDAS, SUBARU FRONT-WHEEL-DRIVES
(LAT AUTO SHOW SUPPLEMENT 1/25).

JOEL DREYFUSS (WP) INTERVIEWS MILT MATTHEWS ABOUT
ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME YOUNG JAPANESE GAVE HIS BAND
"UPRISING" DURING EIGHT-WEEK GIG AT MOD TOKYO DISCOTHEQUE
"MUGEN". KISSINGER

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